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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IBRD DELEGATION VISITS BURMA

REF: RANGOON 2552, OCT 10, 1972

1. RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE IN STATE TIMBER CORPORATION (STC) STATED THAT SEVEN- MAN IBRD DELEGATION, LED BY MR. SPEARS (AN ENGLISHMAN), VISITED BURMA LATE MARCH IN CONNECTION WITH IBRD LOAN OFFERS MADE LAST YEAR TOTALING \$35 MILLION IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING FORESTRY. SOURCE CLAIMS THAT DELEGATION RECOMMENDED UPON DEPARTURE THAT "FIRST PHASE" OF \$10 MILLION LOAN TO STC SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND THAT "FOURTH PHASE" WOULD EXTEND TO 1984. DELEGATION TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY DURING THEIR SHORT STAY, VISITING LOGGING SITES, LUMBER MILLS AND STC OFFICES.

2. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT SEVERAL OTHER IBRD DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN TO BURMA DURING LAST FEW MONTHS TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER OTHER LOAN PROJECTS IN IRRIGATION AND TRANSPORTATION FIELDS.

3. COMMENT: WE WERE AWARE THAT IBRD REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE MAKING SUCH TRIPS BUT THIS IS FIRST DEFINITE INFORMATION THAT GROUPS HAVE BEEN HERE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT
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DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THE GROUP' S VISIT HERE IN MARCH.
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